



Tan-Renga

Christina Chin

&

Marjorie Pezzoli

Darwin Award

An intense fragrance comes from
the flowers of an exotic
ornamental giant cannonball tree
in the city. As we approach
groups of curious onlookers
and photographers gather nearby,
There's a caution sign beneath:
Should one fruit fall on the head,
it will surely be fatal,

~CC

*flash bulb
a negative develops
vacation memories*

~mp

Fireflies' Light:

Touchstone Award Nominee 2025

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Autumn Wind

zither
music at the opera
moon festival

pull of tides
eelgrass-sways

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the cactus flower
survives another day
dry day wind

*evening seduction
bats go batty*

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a mop of hair-fall
from the witch's head
seagrass

*a spellbinding summer
school disappears*

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beatnik chords
dessert before dinner
fish head stew

uncluttering
my will is written

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summer vacay
all the vocabulary
in word-cloud

green flash sunset
no words needed

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gloaming dusk-
the fishermen
yet to return

*mermaid song lures
he holds his breath*

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there is no gain
but suffering in war
living among ruins

*the senseless bloodshed
we search for hope*

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journey back
to the motherland
mid-autumn

open arms
moon cakes and gazing

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meeting
a dear old friend
autumn twilight

checkmate
old stories new

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birds fly
over thin grass
autumn plowing

*last acorn
a squirrel slumbers*

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Climate Change

whispers echo
the truth lost in the twist
and turn

*erasure of pages
headlines rewritten
pretenders rampage*

masked intentions
trip on a fragile line
words weave webs of lies

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School Paste

new ice age

unnatural disaster

blank history pages ~mp

horrific

post-war conflict

files destroyed ~cc

crushed thoughts

thirst unquenched

a riot in the streets ~mp

the President dismissed

his cabinet ~cc

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Bondiage

eyes dart away
hearts heavy with doubt
silent truths beg
to be freed

*fabric frays
ripped and torn way
vanished hopes -zip tied*

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Whitewashed List

promises
before the election
you won't hear about after

*covert accounting
schemes no rhymes
the listless list*

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Pancake Make-Up

smooth-talking
beneath the polished surface
shadows of doubt

empty, desks
knowledge sent home
madeup facts

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Don't Meet the Press

*calling-the shots
calling them back
elite with full coverage*

a gag order
for free speech
no longer free

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“JF Not-K”

*pink tie
replaces ribbon
examination -bend over*

cancer-like
incoherent lies
the daily shots

*freckles
become measles
the good old days*

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